

Economy and Inconsistency.

The Argus says: "The EXAMINER approves of the recent addition to our police force."

We plead guilty to the soft impeachment. Prudent outlay is, we hold, often the wisest economy; and crime should be put down at any cost.

The Argus says THE EXAMINER "sympathizes with the distressed and down-trodden people because they are made to submit to a tax of \$32,000."

THE EXAMINER does not whine. It decidedly objects, however, to a number of unnecessary officials in the employ of the Local Government. A Provincial Engineer at a "big salary;" a Commissioner of Public Works, at a "big salary," to look after him; a Government—the members of which are on "big salaries"—to watch the Commissioner; thirty members of the House of Assembly at "big salaries" to look after the Government; fourteen members of the Legislative Council, at "big salaries" to look after the House of Assembly—and all to look after the merely local affairs of a Province ninety times smaller than Ontario—it is to this that THE EXAMINER objects.

The Argus cries out against "nineteen policemen."

The Argus forgets that of this number are a bailiff for the City Court, who, at least, is self-sustaining—a messenger—who cannot attend to police duty—and the Marshal, who does not, and ought not to be, required to "take a beat" and perform the ordinary duties of a policeman.

Very nearly one-third of the amount of the Assessment of the whole Island, paid directly by the citizens of Charlottetown to maintain the Court presided over by the Stipendiary Magistrate!

This statement is largely incorrect; and the Argus fails to give the City Court credit for upwards of \$4,000 fines and penalties paid by the City Court into the City Treasury!

In conclusion we may say that, while we regret that crime and lawlessness is on the increase in our city, we hope it may never increase to such an extent as to render the City Court "self-sustaining." The profits of the City Court mean loss to citizens financially—and morally.

Prince of Wales College.

PROFESSOR ANDERSON has been ably assisted, during the past term, by Messrs. Alexander and Brothwick; and the institution over which he has presided, through evil and through good report, never was, we think, in a more flourishing or satisfactory condition than it is at present.

The Christmas examination was held to-day. There were present: His Honor Sir Robert Hodgson, the Chief Justice, Daniel Davies, M. P., Revs. David Fitz-Gerald and John Lathern. John Ings, and Miss Ings, Mrs. Anderson, Hons. L. H. Davies, Geo. W. DeBlois, W. D. Stewart, and John Longworth, Miss Davies, Messrs. Farquharson and Cuthbert, of the House of Assembly, Principal Harper, of the Normal School, Dr. Dawson, Henry Lawson, Esq., of the Patriot, Wm. McKechnie, Esq., Supt. of the P. E. I. Railway, and others. The classes were orally examined in the Latin and Greek languages, Greek history, geometry and other branches—to the apparent satisfaction of all present.

Mr. Goschen on Novel Reading.

Mr. G. J. Goschen, M. P., First Lord of the Admiralty in the late Government, delivered the prizes at the Liverpool Institute, and met with a cordial reception from an overcrowded audience. The Right Hon. gentleman devoted his address on the occasion to advocacy of a judicious culture of the imagination. He deprecated the study of romances, which simply gave details of the everyday life which they saw for themselves, and argued for the benefits to the imagination conferred by reading history and other solid works.

ZION CHURCH BAZAAR.—To intending purchasers of Christmas gifts we would say attend the Zion Church Bazaar in the Market Hall, this and to-morrow evening, and make your selection from the large assortment of useful articles which will be found there.

English Iron Trade.

The London Iron of the 24th ult. in an article on the depression in the iron trade in England says "all hope of the iron trade has been given up," and "the castings trade is no better, light castings from the United States being imported into Staffordshire in increasing quantities."

"Crooked Things and Straight."

Under the above heading the Northwestern Lumberman publishes an admirable article, really on commercial morality, which may be deserving of attention in Canada, though happily matters are not yet so "crooked" here as they are admitted to be across the line.

Commercial integrity is one of the things that, in this country at least, the drive and rush of modern civilization have about swept out of existence. Phenomenal instances of it now and then turn up in the world of trade, but their advent is usually so soon followed by their disappearance that, either as opportunities for study or example for emulation, they are nearly valueless.

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A Romance.

A case in which the two passions of love and crime are brought into play will probably come up before the Police Court this morning. Fred. B. Scholes is a young man lately from Summerside, P. E. I., who came to St. John in search of employment. He left behind him a member of the opposite sex, to whom he had for some time been paying his attentions.

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Stipendiary Magistrate's Court.

Dec. 19.—Daniel Callaghan, on complaint of Gregory Snake, for stealing an axe-handle, was discharged, to appear when required; Wm. Stapleton, drunk and incapable, was fined \$3 and costs, or 8 days; Malcolm Power, for the same offence, was fined the same; Thomas Connors, and Michael Connors, on complaint of Timothy O'Connell, for being drunk on his premises, was fined \$2 and costs, or 8 days; James Murphy, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$3 and costs, or 14 days.

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City School Examination.

THE Board of School Trustees of Charlottetown beg to inform the public that the Semi-annual Examination of the Public Schools of Charlottetown will be held on FRIDAY, the 21st inst.

The usual work of the Schools will be carried on between the hours of ten and twelve, and afterwards all Visitors are invited to assemble in the Hall of the Upper Prince Street School.

By Order of Board,

ISAAC OXENHAM,

Secretary.

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MARK BUTCHER.

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